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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A phimosis curer comprising;

a first handle grip having a first end and a second end and a second handle grip having a first end and a second end;

a first jaw having a first end and a second end and a second jaw having a first end and a second end;

a first blade having a first end and a second end and a second blade having a first end and a second end;

said first handle grip second end and said first jaw first end are joined together;

said second handle grip second end and said second jaw first end are joined together;

said first blade first end and said first jaw second end are joined together;

said second blade first end and said second jaw second end are joined together;

said first blade and said second blade extend upwardly from said first jaw and said second jaw respectively so as to be insertable into a foreskin opening;

said first handle grip and said first jaw are joined to said second handle grip and said

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second jaw such that moving said first handle grip and said second handle grip toward each other moves said first jaw and said second jaw away from each other;

a ratchet means pivots between said first handle grip and said second handle grip adjacent said first handle grip second end and said second handle grip second end;

said ratchet means is designed to selectively prevent said first handle grip and said second handle grip from moving away from each other;

a first enlarged hook means on said first blade second end and a second enlarged hook means on said second blade second end, said first enlarged hook means and said second enlarged hook means having tip sides and front sides and rear sides with said enlarged hook means first and second enlarged hook means tip sides formed so as to protrude, and said rear side of said first elongated hook means and said rear side of said second elongated hook means protrude to prevent said first blade and said second blade from slipping out of a foreskin opening when said first blade and said second blade enlarged hook means front sides are separated within a foreskin opening so that said phimosis curer will not damage the foreskin when it is inserted into the foreskin opening and said blades are separated.

Claim 2 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 1 including:

a fulcrum pin attaching said first handle grip and said second handle grip together so that

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said first handle grip and said first jaw can be pivoted relative to said second handle grip and said second jaw.

Claim 3 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 2 wherein:

said ratchet means includes a curved rack with an upper surface, a lower surface, a first side surface and a second side surface, a first end, a second end, cogs, and a pawl;

said curved rack first end is attached to said first handle grip second end by a first pivot pin;

said pawl is attached to said second handle grip second end by a second pivot pin.

Claim 4 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 3 wherein:

said curved rack is provided with a slot along its interior length;

said pawl fits within said curved rack slot;

said slot is wide enough to accommodate said pawl in both the engaged position, against said cogs on said curved rack when said first handle grip and said second handle grip are pivoted toward each other, and the disengaged position, away from said cogs on said curved rack, for permitting said first handle grip and said second handle grip to be pivoted away from each other.

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Claim 5 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 3 wherein:

said curved rack is provided with one smooth side surface and one irregular cog surface;

said curved rack irregular cog surface pivots toward said pawl to selectively engage said pawl with said irregular cogs, and away from said pawl to remove said curved rack from contact with said pawl.

Claim 6 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 3 wherein:

said curved rack lower surface has a guide groove;

said second handle grip second end has a spring-loaded projection;

a stop is positioned on said second handle grip second end on said first side surface of said curved rack second end and said pawl is positioned on said second side surface of said curved rack to limit pivotal movement of said curved rack about said first pivot pin to keep said spring-loaded projection against said curved rack lower surface at all times.

Claim 7 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 6 wherein:

said spring-loaded projection extends into said guide groove when said guide groove is positioned above it;

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said guide groove controls the pivotal movement of said curved rack about said first pivot pin when said projection is in said guide groove to maintain said pawl disengaged from said cogs on said curved rack.

Claim 8 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 7 wherein:

said guide groove terminates in a decreasing depth taper adjacent to said curved rack second end so that moving said first handle grip and said second handle grip away from each other pushes said projection from said guide groove by pressing said projection into said second handle grip;

resilient means bias said curved rack toward said pawl to maintain said pawl in engagement with said cogs when said projection is released from said guide groove.

Claim 9 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 1 wherein:

said enlarged hook means are in the general shape of a ball with finished smooth curved surfaces and with spaces provided to preclude damage to the penis glands and from pinching the foreskin.

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Claim 10 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 9 wherein:

said enlarged hook means are coated with an inert material not harmful to the human body.

Claim 11 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 1 wherein:

said first handle grip and said first jaw and said first blade and said first enlarged hook means are one integral part;

said second handle grip and said second jaw and said second blade and said second enlarged hook means are one integral part.

Claim 12 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 3 wherein:

a bias means with said first pivot pin for biasing said cogs on said ratchet means curved rack toward said pawl.

Claim 13 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 1 wherein:

said first handle grip and said first jaw and said first blade and said first enlarged hook means and said second handle grip and said second jaw and said second blade and said second enlarged hook means are all one integral shaped spring element.

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Claim 14 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 13 wherein:

said first handle grip first end and said second handle grip first end are united together;

said first jaw and said second jaw criss-cross each other.

Claim 15 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 13 wherein:

said ratchet means has a flat rack having a first side edge and a second side edge;

said flat rack is attached to said second handle grip;

cogs are formed along said flat rack first side edge;

said ratchet means is engaged by selectively placing said first handle grip into one of said cogs on said flat rack first side.

Claim 16 (original): A phimosis curer as in claim 2 including:

a spring with said fulcrum pin for biasing said first handle grip and said second handle grip away from each other.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): A process for curing phimosis comprising:

providing a pliers-like hand tool having a first handle grip and a second handle grip with attached first and second jaws respectively and respective first blade and second blade joined to and extending outwardly from said first jaw and said second jaw so that moving said first handle

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grip and said second handle grip toward each other moves said first blade and said second blade away from each other;

providing a ratchet means between said first handle grip and said second handle grip;

inserting said first blade and said second blade under a foreskin opening;

squeezing said first handle grip and said second handle grip together moving said first blade and second blade apart stretching said foreskin;

engaging said ratchet means preventing said first handle grip and said second handle grip from separating and said first blade and said second blade from moving closer together;

holding said foreskin in the stretched condition;

retaining said ratchet means engaged and said foreskin stretched for essentially thirty (30) minutes to elongate the foreskin opening;

releasing said ratchet and moving said first blade and said second blade together and removing said blades from under the foreskin opening.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): A process for curing phimosis as in claim 17 additionally:

providing a first hooking means on the outer end of said first blade and a second hooking means on the outer end of said second blade;

preventing the foreskin from slipping off of said first blade and said second blade by inserting said first hooking means on said first blade and said second hooking means on said



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second blade under the foreskin opening prior to squeezing said first handle grip and said second handle grip together.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): A phimosis curer as in claim 18 additionally:

repeating said stretching steps once each morning and once each afternoon for two to three weeks.